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S.A. leery of proposed student space

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The possibility of moving student activity space to the King's Court when the King's campus expands has sparked discussion and concern among Students' Association members and other students.

Whereas the Master Plan proposed locating student activity space on the bottom floor of a new residence tower, the February 12 memo released by the Architect Liaison Committee suggests the student area now shared by *Chronicle* staff and the S.A. should instead move from the present S.A.C. location to the area presently known as the King's Court. The drama department will likely use the present S.A.C. building. Such a move will give the student body a more accessible, closer location to use for recreation, tutoring, and student activities.

Ellen Vlieg-Paquette, Vice-President of Administration and Finance, emphasises that the plans are simply in the discussion stage, and that talks with the architect are mostly theoretical because of the emphasis on the academic wing's expansion.

However, the Student's Association holds several reservations about the proposed move. First, the present King's Court would have to be drastically altered in order to meet safety regulations. Co-ordinator of Student Programs Dawn Stiles-Oldring notes that this is a "significant issue, for the space would likely be very expensive to renovate."

S.A. Vice-President External Matt Blimke also raised his concerns regarding the possible limitations that would accompany the move. Because of the close proximity to the faculty offices, Blimke fears the new location would re-

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Men's v-ball Eagles bring home bronze

Hopes were high last weekend that the men's volleyball Eagles would bring home another banner to grace the King's gym. The team did not disappoint, finishing third in the Provincial Championships in Red Deer and just barely missing the chance to advance to Nationals. For full story, see below. Provincials for the women's team also took place this last weekend in Grande Prairie, where the women finished fourth. Full story on page 11. */courtesy Greg Bartel*

JON HEINEN
CONTRIBUTOR

The King's men's volleyball team went into Provincial Championships last weekend in Red Deer with hopes of a top three finish. The men went in ranked third in the province and sixth in the nation and ended up with the best finish for a volleyball team in the history of King's.

During the quarterfinal match on Friday the Eagles faced the Mount Royal Cougars, bringing back memories of last year. Captain and setter Hans Doef recollected the meeting: "Last year we lost a tough one to put us out of contention for a top four finish, so we had hoped this year would be different."

The Eagles were not disappointed, downing the Cougars in a roller-coaster five-set match.

The next game was against the SAIT Trojans on Saturday at 6 pm. Fans packed the gym and CCS students painted their bodies blue for the exciting semi-final match, and it was a close one.

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Calvin students "severely divided" over war resolution

RAISES QUESTIONS FOR KING'S OWN S.A.

ELISE STOLTE
STAFF WRITER

On February 20, Calvin College's Student Senate passed a resolution condemning unilateral US action against Iraq and kicked off a round of vigorous debate on both the threatened war and the place of student representatives. After two intense weeks and an anti-anti-war petition, the student body is on track for a show-down and a "majority wins" referendum.

Calvin College is an informal sister institution of King's, located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It has about 4300 students.

Like King's Student Association, Calvin's elected Student Senate normally focuses on internal issues but considered the resolution after being approached by the leaders of several student clubs. The move has angered many students who either feel they are not being represented by the decision, or feel the Senate has overstepped its mandate as a representative body.

On February 13, after the students presented the resolution to the Senate, the Senate tabled the motion to give room for a town hall meeting to gauge public opinion. Over 200 students attended the meeting five days later, which, according to Senate President Betsy Cooper, is by far the biggest turnout she has seen yet. Students debated the war for two hours.

On the 20th, Senate passed the resolution passed by a margin of 13 to one, with three abstaining.

Student reaction was immediate. "It's become a huge thing on campus," explained Cooper. "Everywhere I go I

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Quote of the Week

"The material needs of my neighbour are my spiritual needs."
~ Rabbi Israel Salanter

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Clockwise from top: Ted and Mary Nanninga prepare to enjoy some delectable dishes; Joseph Mhina wows the audience during karaoke time; Cameron Dowling and Irene Bosma demonstrate their polkaing abilities; Alice Aradi, Esther Kinuthia, Vallen Ng'Otwa, and Jacquie Kiarie gather to share some food. /Elise Stolte

Sheila Makindu goes looking for a drink. /E.Stolte

Philip Ochieng Modi and Rekha Roy during the fashion show. /E. Stolte

Shannon Brink takes the solo in her performance with Alex Maundu. /E. Stolte

Food and song at the international potluck

Gerda Kits
Staff Writer

Only crumbs were left of Lisandra Sousa's Portugese beer cake. Arnold Lamigo's adobo (Philipino chicken, made Arnold-style) was gone and the Timbits were rapidly disappearing. Munching on those ever-present prawn crackers, rich boterkoek and second helpings of Ghanian pilau, stuffed and satisfied students sat back to enjoy the entertainment.

Last Friday was the night of the King's annual International Potluck, organized by the King's International Students' Association and attended by about 50 students from all nationalities as well as a few staff, profs, and kids. "It was fantastic," said fourth-year student Charlotte Whidden. "It was the first time I ever had an experience like that – I could get really good food from other countries just for the expense of bringing a dish myself."

But there was more to the potluck than the food. To kick off the entertainment portion of the night, African and Asian students presented a fashion show of traditional costumes. The men wore brightly coloured shirts while the ladies sported a variety of fashions, including Rekha Roy's midnight-blue dress, Lisa Sim's pink and yellow garment, and patterned skirts and headscarves from Africa.

Then the karaoke began. Highlights included Bette Midler's "The Wind Beneath My Wings," soulfully performed by Shannon Brink and Alex Maundu; a somewhat scattered but definitely entertaining rendition of "Mambo Number Five" by Moses Apomah, Joseph Mhina, Philip Ochieng Modi, and Robert Varga; and a performance of "Do Re Mi" from *The Sound of Music* by Irene Bosma, Cam Dowling, Rachelle Nieboer, and Rob Brink, complete with falsetto howling from the guys and some sort of polka between the verses.

According to KISA president Quyen Luu, the purpose behind the potluck is "getting people together, raising awareness of different cultures, and getting people to try new things." She explained that the potluck is held every year, usually during the second semester I.S. Conference; it was postponed this year to the beginning of March. Luu was happy with the turnout for this potluck, although she hopes even more students and professors will attend next year.

College Choir Festival

With performances from Concordia University College, The King's University College, Northwest Bible College, Taylor University College Choir

To Benefit The Mustard Seed

Saturday, March 8, 2003 at 7:00 pm
Ellerslie Road Baptist Church, 10603 Ellerslie Road, South Edmonton

Police seek witnesses to thefts

BRIANNE VOS
CONTRIBUTOR

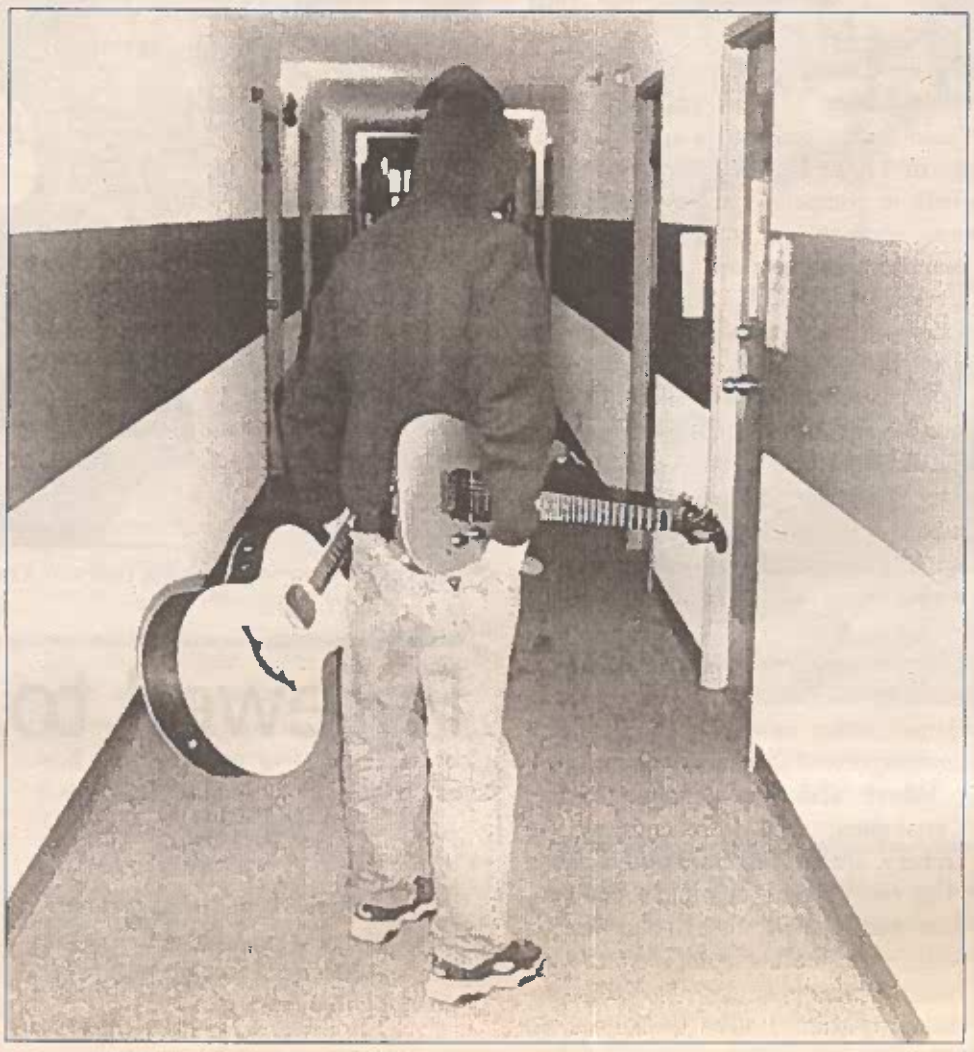
Police are looking for help in charging two men suspected of stealing several items from the King's building last month. The police were contacted after two guitars and a laptop computer went missing in mid-February.

The beginning of February saw an unusual amount of caution and suspicion at King's, where students are usually able to leave their possessions unattended without anxiety. As book bags, guitars and even laptops went missing, more and more students began to keep a wary eye on their belongings. Just prior to Reading Break, a major development shed some light on the issue of theft in the school.

"He was wearing blue coveralls and had a big winter jacket over top. Something about his behaviour just didn't fit."
~ Jerad Hampton

According to Rob VanWeerden, Director of Facilities at King's, around 10 am on February 7 a balding man in his mid-fifties sporting a grey beard entered the Atrium through the northwest entrance. Witnesses said they saw him take an acoustic and an electric guitar and exit the building. Then, on February the 13th, a 20 to 30-year-old man with black hair and brown eyes entered the administration wing in the east corridor. That same day, a laptop went missing from the ASCA office. The police were called to file a report and they arrived between 1 pm and 2 pm that afternoon.

It was while the police were completing the report that the suspect returned. Heading to the library, the man was first noticed by Phil Ferreira, Computing and Natural Science Technician, who contacted Jerad Hampton, King's Network Administrator. The two followed the suspect until he made his way to the front lobby. "The suspect stuck out from the regular King's community," Hampton explained. "He was wearing blue coveralls and had a big winter jacket over top. Something about his behaviour just didn't fit." When asked if he needed any help, the man refused to answer the receptionist's questions and moved toward the residence exit.



While most music students keep a closer eye on their instruments after February's guitar thefts, organ students remain calm. /Nate van Driel

Hampton and Ferreira then called Dennis Perrin, an Admissions Counsellor, and together the men pursued the suspect who fled through the residence exit to a waiting vehicle. The car came straight towards the King's staff members in pursuit of the man. They copied the license plate and took notice of the driver, whose description matched that of the suspect involved in the guitar thefts the week before. The police, still in the building at this time, were alerted and immediately put out an APB on the plates. The car turned out to be a stolen grey sunbird, which the police recovered the next day.

The suspects are known to the police; both have criminal records and are drug addicts known for stealing and selling property to support their habit. However, currently there are no witnesses for the laptop theft and no eyewitnesses coming forward regarding the guitar thefts. This is causing the police difficulty as they cannot charge the suspects for simply being in the building.

The police are currently waiting and hoping for a witness to step forward and give a statement and identify the suspects so they may begin to pursue the case further.

If you are a witness to these crimes, please speak to Rob VanWeerden today. Your participation would be crucial to this case.

To avoid car theft

BRIANNE VOS
CONTRIBUTOR

For those concerned about the safety of their vehicles, in light of the recent car thefts at King's and in the area, first year history major Darcy Gray offers some advice. Gray feels that the issue at the heart of the thefts is not only that the vehicles may be parked in an insecure place, but that drivers do not know how to prepare for a theft before it happens. He explains that a car theft is an electrical system issue, and if a thief knows how to manipulate the electrical system of your car, it can be stolen in a matter of minutes.

Gray suggests two main countermeasures to frustrate would-be car thieves. He suggests the Cap and Rotor method first, as he feels that this is one of the most successful techniques. After locking up your vehicle for the night, take a moment to lift the hood and, with a screwdriver, unscrew the cap from the engine block. Underneath the cap, lift the rotor from the stem and replace the cap. Without the rotor, the thief cannot start the vehicle. This is also a sound plan because the thief cannot possibly be prepared to replace the exact rotor specific to the type of vehicle.

Another suggestion is to pull a fuse from the vehicle before locking up for the night. This is a little more risky, as fuses are universal, and so the thief could possibly be prepared for this difficulty.

Gray claims his methods of strictly preventative medicine only take two or three minutes to protect your car. If you would like more information on preparing for car theft, please contact Darcy Gray.

ANTI-WAR RESOLUTION . . .

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hear someone saying something."

The student message board set up on the topic received over 1000 messages in two weeks.

Much of the reaction against the resolution came from another college group, the Calvin Republicans. They circulated a petition to ask Senate to rescind the resolution and obtained the necessary support of ten percent of the student body to get Senate to review the matter. If the Senate does not voluntarily decide to withdraw the resolution, the matter will go to a student-wide vote March 13.

Student opinion is heavily divided on the matter. Quoted in the Calvin Chimes, decidedly anti-war student Vito Russo said: "I think the Student Senate resolution is a good thing. I think it is absolutely ridiculous that at a Christian college there are pro-war people."

On the other side of the issue, Tony Minnema actively promoted the anti-anti-war petition. "I believe that the Student Senate is taking sides based on personal feeling . . . . They are overstepping their bounds. They are misrepresenting this college."

Cooper doesn't agree and thinks passing the resolution was fully within their mandate, part of which she sees as representing the community of Calvin to the outside world.

She supported the Senate action as a way to encourage student debate. "I hadn't heard much discussion on it," she said. "Too often I feel that students here become apathetic to issues outside their own community. Even if the resolution doesn't pass, at least we've thought about it."

King's own student representatives, the S.A., have not taken an action on this issue and are not planning any for the future – although their place within the student body is similar to the Senate's.

"I think it is completely out of line," said Matt Blimke, Vice-President External, adding that he thinks the proper place for such action lies with the student clubs.

"The biggest problem is that people just get so passionate about their case they forget there is another person on the other side."
~Betsy Cooper

"The student government's role is to address issues that are of specific importance to students (like funding or cost of living). They should not be making statements representing students on political issues."

S.A. President, Dave Booy, takes a different stand. "Our mandate doesn't exclude [such action]," he said, "but our priorities are within the school community." He explained that the S.A. hadn't taken similar steps mainly because they had not thought of it and because other concerns more internal to King's had been taking up a lot of their time.

"We would be open to it if that's what the student body wants," he added.

Both Blimke and Booy mentioned that anti-war protests had been held at King's through the student social justice club and felt that was sufficient.

As for Calvin, students there can expect more debate in the upcoming week, from vocal and passionate students on both sides. Cooper said, "the biggest problem is that people just get so passionate about their case they forget there is another person on the other side." But if nothing else, anti-war groups will definitely have succeeded in raising awareness.

Taking a shot at gold

Melissa Phillipoff
Staff Writer

Jason Visser has a dream: a dream "to compete in the Olympics for archery." But the first year biology student will have to wait a few years before that dream becomes a reality. This week, however, the seventeen year-old Busby native found himself in Bathurst, New Brunswick, to compete in the 2003 Canada Winter Games.

Jason Visser was in Halifax this week competing in the Canada Winter Games. */courtesy of Visser family*

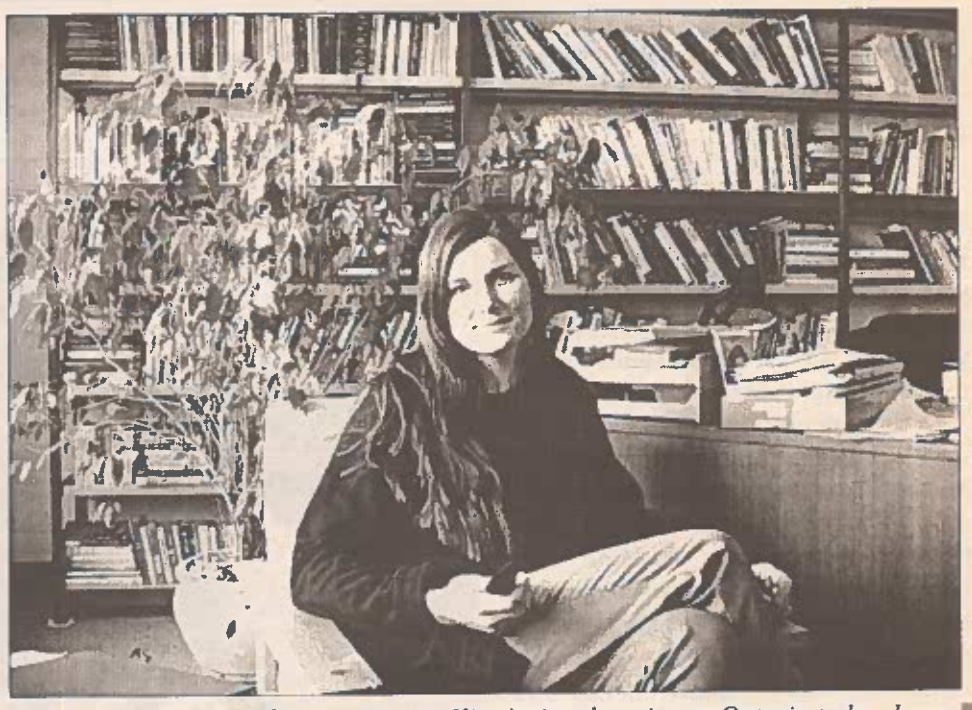
The Canada Winter Games are for athletes ages 23 and younger. Since Visser started training in archery at the age of 11, he has had the competitive streak to compete, and first started entering competitions at the age of 13. He practices anywhere up to three times a week at the Capital Region Archery Club and also volunteers with the cadets, the category below him, every Saturday. He acknowledges that he first became interested in archery when his older brother Arnold, a second year King's student, and his parents were involved in the sport. "My father has actually competed in several provincial competitions and placed very well," explained Visser.

Visser has already won several competitions including the 2002 Alberta Games, where he took gold in the junior category.

Visser and his younger brother Christopher, who also competes in archery, are both in Halifax this week. "I'm not nervous about the competition, just excited since it has been a while since the last competition," said Jason. Christopher has also won several competitions since he has started out with his recurve bow, including taking gold in the Alberta Games in the cadet category.

In preliminaries on Wednesday, Jason placed seventh and Christopher placed eighth, with scores of 528 and 525 respectively. The current leader has 562. Those interested in how they fare can look on the Internet at www.2003canadagames.ca/site/En/index.cfm.

Both brothers hope to place well in the Canada Winter Games and move on to other places where they can pursue their goal of winning Olympic gold.



Dr. Angela Roorda, after ten years at King's, is relocating to Ontario to be closer to her family there. */Nate van Driel*

Farewell to Dr. Roorda

Julie Schenk
Staff Writer

"The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards."

~ Anatole France (1844 - 1924),
The Crime of Sylvestre Bonnard

For years you have seen her smoothly glide through the hallways, a quiet smile always on her face. But this term, after a decade at King's, English professor Angela Roorda will be teaching her last classes.

"I'm moving to be close to my family in Ontario," said Roorda, who will relocate in July. "It was a difficult decision. I was always pretty happy here. The whole community [at King's] is not something you can easily replace."

Roorda first taught at King's in 1993 while completing her Ph.D. at the University of Alberta. Five years later she became a permanent fixture in the English faculty, and has fond memories of the time spent here ever since.

"I've really enjoyed some English classes," said Roorda. She smiles as she remembers literary theory pizza parties and spending time with her students. "I've really appreciated my colleagues also."

Roorda will be exploring her creative talents in what she describes as a "short break" from teaching. She plans to write poetry and work on academic projects as well as play with digital media in the art realm.

The professor is confident there will be ample opportunity to get back to teaching after she gets settled in Ontario.

Back at King's, Roorda and her kindness and wisdom will be missed.

International Student Profile

Sady Syebele. */E. Stolte*

Samuel Nyambane
Contributor

Sady Bukayafwa Syebele was born 19 years ago in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), sometimes known as "Zaire." DRC is the third largest country (in size) in Africa and has a population of 47 million people comprising 250 different ethnic groups. Despite this diversity, DRC has French as its national language.

Sady, although diminutive in stature, is vice president of the giant King's International Student's Association. Sady is the first-born in her family of four kids. Her obsession for teeth can be genetically traced to her father, who is a practising dentist in the Republic of South Africa; the family fled DRC when Sady was ten years old.

How did she come to know about King's? Sady says she happened upon the King's website on the Internet, and the site and smiles of the pictures captured her attention. Since coming to Canada she has come to like King's for its homely, communal and friendly atmosphere.

I asked Sady how she "manages" her day to day ethos, given that she is so young and comes from a culture that is predominantly male-dominated. She was quite emphatic on this, agreeing that with all the freedom enjoyed here one can easily falter. What are her secrets of survival? Sady says she only hangs out with genuine friends, maintains self-control and keeps her focus on the ultimate goal of being in college.

Sady is a second year business student and likes dancing, watching movies, and cooking.

The DRC is probably the richest country on earth in terms of mineral resources. A fight over these resources has subjected this country to conflict and violence for many years. A well-remembered casualty of these fights is Patrice Lumumba, who was assassinated in 1961 under mysterious circumstances, when the late dictator Mobutu Sese Zeko seized power. It was only last month that the Belgium Prime Minister, Guy Verhofstady, accepted that his country, together with the CIA, were involved in that crime. Mobutu Sese's Zeko's reign of terror came to an end in 1997 when a rebel leader by name of Kabila toppled him. President Kabila was slaughtered by his army in 2001. His son, Junior Kabila, succeeded him through the influence of Zimbabwean the government.

Another memorable fight in the DRC is the "fight in the jungle" between Mohammed Ali and George Foreman in 1974. Other equally published fights in DRC include those against Ebola, the natural catastrophes like the recent volcanic eruption at Kisangani region, and the on-going fight against poverty and disease amidst the abundance of resources.

What does Sady miss most about her life in Africa? The answer: her mum, and the traditional 'fufu'. We in *The Chronicle* wish her luck.

Welcome from/to confusion and have a great semester!

King's switches to four-point grading system

Caylie Gnyra
Staff Writer

Next fall, students at King's will see a conversion from the current nine-point grading system to the four-point scale used at many universities in Canada and the U.S.

While King's, Concordia, and Augustana use the same nine-point grading system as the University of Alberta, the four-point scale is used by the Universities of Lethbridge and Calgary, and Athabasca University uses a percentage system. In 1999, Alberta Minister of Learning Dr. Lyle Oberg acknowledged that the difference in grade point systems between Alberta post-secondary institutions makes transfers between many schools quite difficult.

A Common Grading Systems Committee made up of vice-presidents and registrars from a number of institutions, working under the Universities Coordinating Council, was formed and the members agreed in early 2000 to create a provincial-wide grading system.

The new scale is similar to the scales the U of L and U of C had been using. However, both schools were asked to alter theirs slightly to fit in with the new scale. Both agreed, as did the University of Alberta shortly thereafter. With the U of A complying, the proposal became a formal agreement, and smaller post-secondary institutions were invited to join.

"We were relatively happy to change to something more universally understood," said Glenn Keeler, King's Registrar. The school had wanted to change the system for some time, but had made the decision to "sit tight" until the University of Alberta converted.

The institutions in southern Alberta formally changed to the new four-point scale last September. Athabasca University started using it in January 2003, and King's, along with the other northern Alberta schools, will see the system implemented next September.

Keeler explained that King's is attempting to make students' transcripts as user-friendly as possible. "The G.P.A. will change [to the four-point scale], but old grades will remain in their original nine-point form," he said.

There is no direct, simple conversion from the nine-point to the four-point scale, but Keeler offers a few guidelines. Jimmy Condon Scholarships, formerly requiring a 5.4 average per term, will require a 2.0 on the four-point scale. For general academic purposes a 1.7 (which equates to about 60%) will be considered acceptable but probationary, and a 1.4 G.P.A. will require a student's withdrawal. Keeler admits that, in the 0.3 points between probation and withdrawal, there may be a small difference from this year to next, in that a student this year may fall under probation and next year, with the same grades, fall into a different category, or vice versa.

The change will take a little getting used to, but promises to make movement through the Alberta education system a little easier.

Picking up glum faces: consulting the course transfer manual in the registry should be a whole lot less confusing after King's changes to a more standard 4-point grade system next September. */Elise Stolte*

Student Space . . .

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strict S.A. activities on account of noise restrictions and foreseeable complaints about noise and traffic from nearby faculty members. Vlieg-Paquette, however, believes that such a problem will be avoided because faculty office hours and the peak of activity in the lounge will not coincide.

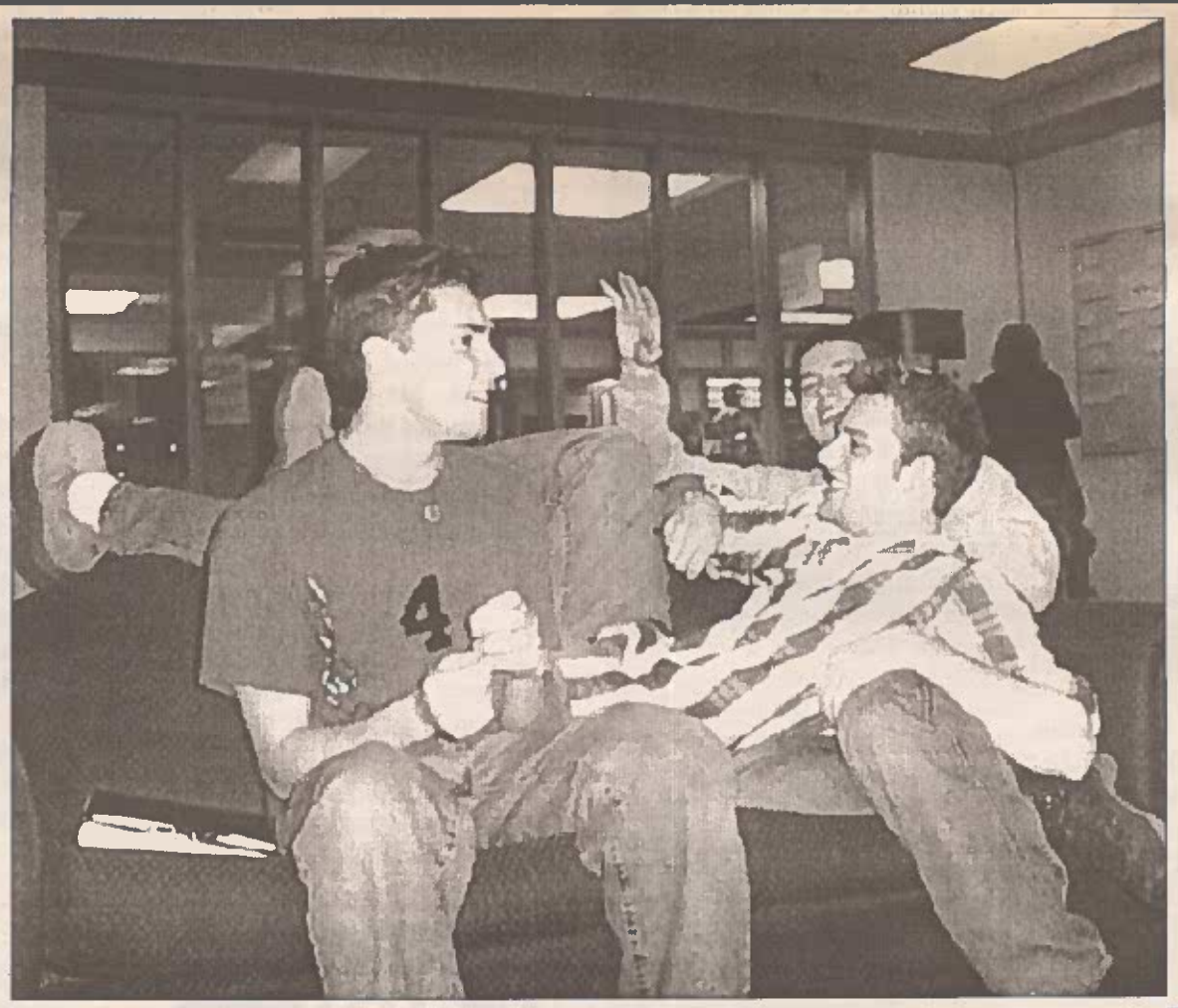
Blimke and the rest of the S.A. are also doubtful that the new location would allow for the privacy and freedom that the present S.A.C. allows. Stiles-Oldring questions "whether or not we are setting up an adversarial relationship" between students and faculty by placing the two so close together.

Further, the King's Court proposal will attempt to make very efficient use of a somewhat limited space. Stiles-Oldring believes including the S.A. offices, Student Life offices, Chronicle offices, lounge space, and recreation space in the King's Court could shortchange one or several of the users of the space, with the students suffering as a result. Although there is talk of a second level addition to the area, Stiles-Oldring suggests sharing the space amongst so many groups "may not be the best use of the present space" and that perhaps there are "other designs which would be more stewardly." Accessibility also becomes an issue with a second floor installation.

The student body itself has concerns regarding the possible move. Students Dennis Vroom and Asher Degroot believe that the King's Court will simply be a space to funnel traffic between the new residence building and the rest of the school, disallowing any atmosphere and mood to develop. With the absence of any space to develop or the freedom to act as noisily or youthful as wanted because of the close proximity to faculty offices, Degroot believes the students' space will be compromised and King's "will eventually be forced to tear down the space in place of another." Both Vroom and Degroot question whether working with such a limited space for a limited time is a stewardly use of resources. Furthermore, the number of new students expected will likely present problems of capacity for the King's Court location which may result in the student space outgrowing its location.

Ideas for a new student space abound. Matt Blimke envisions a lounge-type area with capacity to hold ping-pong tables, pool tables, and other recreational activities as well as having enough space for the *Chronicle*, S.A., and Student Life offices. Stiles-Oldring would like a big enough space for large events, as well as a multi-use capacity in order to accommodate forums, eating, games, and discussion. Dennis Vroom would like a space central enough to allow student traffic to pass through while still allowing for the privacy that a location such as the current S.A.C. offers.

The need for a new student space upon expansion is indisputable. Creating such a space within the confines of the new campus and still allowing for the privacy, noise, capacity, and effectiveness needed in a student life area raises several questions. In the end, the student life area must fulfil the desires and needs of the student body, both present and future. As Asher Degroot pronounces, such a space would be "golden."



Students joke around on the couches in the cafeteria. Finding effective student space is a key issue in King's expansion plans. */Elise Stolte*

If you preach peace, preach it to everyone

Darcy Gray
Contributor

This year's Space Shuttle disaster brought back memories of the 1986 Space Shuttle disaster, but for different reasons I think other people should pay attention to.

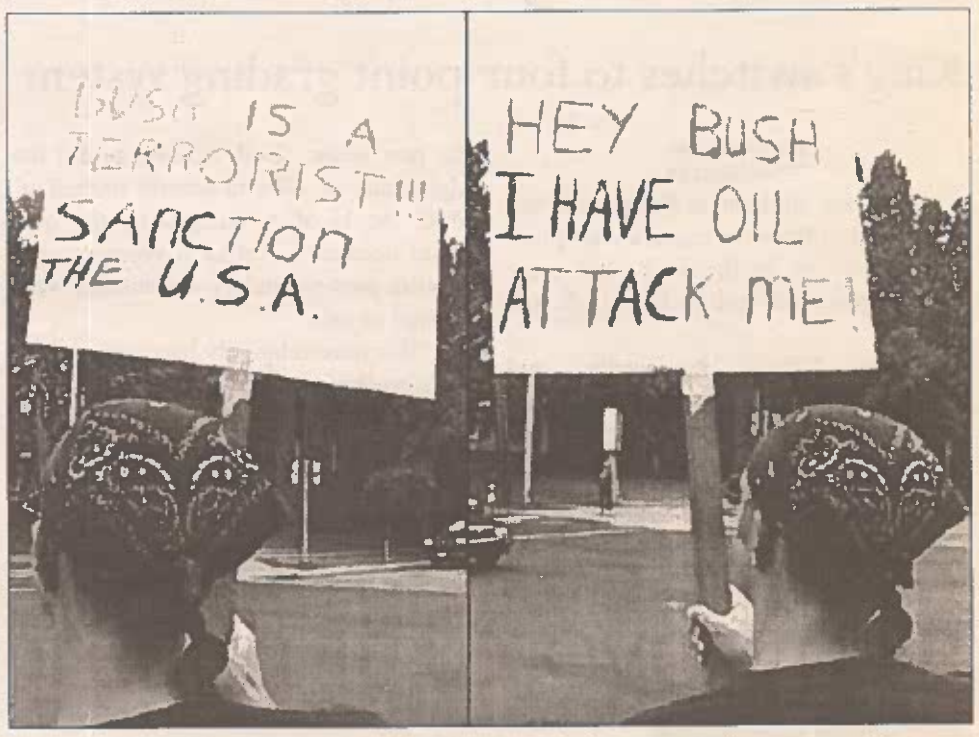
As a 16-year old in 1986, I remember watching re-plays of the Space Shuttle accident in solemn shock. While others also stood in horror watching the shuttle vapourize into smoke, one of the students who had just heard of the incident became ecstatic. His apparent anti-American sentiment degenerated into outward applause and laughter.

I witnessed a similar spectacle recently – not during the latest Shuttle accident but during the protest campaign against America's threatened war against Iraq. Some anonymous individual submitted to the protest table a piece of paper that read "kill Americans." Later that week, an article in *The Chronicle* covered a protest on the streets which mentions a King's student giving the Trudeau finger to somebody who voices support to the U.S.

So, this is how our smug, proud, haughty and self-righteous Canadian attitude has betrayed its façade of "tolerance." My, how we've "progressed." We advocate killing our perceived enemies and insult those who disagree with us.

These incidents don't appear to be random or disconnected to the prevailing Canadian attitude. I remember some of the cartoons posted in school hallways last semester. These "funnies" mocked the U.S. Some anonymous individuals defaced some of the posters with messages of his or her own, complaining that the posters were hateful messages that were unfair to the American people. It didn't dawn on me just how perceptive the complainant was until the posters were quietly removed the next day and *never replaced*.

If the Americans truly are such monsters hatefully portrayed, why remove the posters? Is it because they really were hateful, and maybe in a moment of zealous blind pride, we decided to step over the line?



Anti-American slogans and attitudes appear throughout the rhetoric opposing a war on Iraq. Here a Calgary man joins others protesting around the world.
/Grant Neufeld media@activist.ca

I'm not an American and I understand that the U.S. has done some rotten things. Kind of like how the Soviet Union created the Iron Curtain and invaded Afghanistan. Kind of like how Nazi Germany's quest for the nuclear bomb started during World War Two. Kind of like how Communism spread with the intent of causing worldwide revolution, only to set up a regime of its own. Kind of like how Islamic States persecute their own citizens who become Christians, kill many of them and then hypocritically turn around and tell us Islam is about peace. If this is Osama Bin Laden's idea of peace, then 9-11 makes sense in a really twisted way.

I wonder if our finger-flicking and message-writing friends stopped to consider that. Maybe the school should have rewarded the students for their participation in the protests. We could give the Trudeau fingerer and the message-writer a "Model Canadian Citizen" award and showcase them as how "Canadian" the rest of us should aspire to be.

I'm tired of hearing from biased and uninformed protesters who know nothing about what's going on in the real world of international politics.

If you're going to preach peace to George Bush, then you better preach peace to Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein. Instead, all I hear is George Bush – consistently, whiningly, annoyingly. And this from smug Canadians who know little or nothing about what is really going on in the arena of internationlal struggle for power and control. Sorry, but it's not just the U.S. that's playing cloak and dagger games. A thoughtful study of history and analysis of political science should make it clear to anybody who cares to think for him or herself that virtually every nation from the dawn of time has participated in power struggles, wars, movements and clandestine activities – for the sake of competing politics, ideology, religion, territory and wealth. Absolutely nobody is exempt from this greedy history of humanity, but it does appear some power brokers are better than others.

I've lived under American influence for the last 35 years, and I get to enjoy freedom of religion and some degree of economic, politica and cultural stability. But I guess some will say I don't know what I'm talking about. Perhaps then we should trade our freedom for life under Islam, Communism, Naziism, Tyranny, or whatver is preferred. One wonders what life might look like under another world power, religion or ideology. Maybe it would make the Space Shuttle accident a picnic in the park by comparison.

The Social Environmentalist

Who pays for your SUV?

Adam Huygen
Contributor

Who pays for the 33% more smog and particulate matter emitted from the tailpipes of our SUVs? Taking it back a step farther, who pays for the pollution generated in the extraction, refining and production processes of the gas we burn, the rubber for our tires and the steel for our frames?

We all pay the price of living with more smog, more particulates, more pollution—not only with our money, but with our health and future.

Not only does the accumulation of pollution create problems directly associated with the pollution itself, but it also destroys the earth's capacity to process pollution and to provide us with resources. We are biting the hand that feeds us.

We are so obsessed with the *idea* of economy and the goal of economic growth that we forget the ecology on which our economy depends. Our economies are complicated networks of individual businessmen and consumers making individual choices. The environment on which our economy depends is getting lost in the network, along with the poor, powerless victims of economic 'growth'.

How can we expect the global economy to grow infinitely in a finite world? Yet we in the industrialised affluent world turn a blind eye towards the raped earth and the crushed poor and hope the problems will just go away. Our natural ecosystems are disappearing, our poor are starving and choking to death while we race around faster and faster in our SUVs, enjoying our ever-bigger, ever-better, ever-more polluting economies.

We are well overdue for a fundamental shift in our definition of economy and in what direction our consumer cultures should aim. We are already using resources and producing wastes at rates far exceeding the earth's capacity to supply and process. Yet we persist in expanding our economies, consuming at faster rates and accumulating more and more wealth in the hands of the few affluent.

Current government practice by which we are making incremental improvements to our environmental management is not enough. The rates at which we are consuming resources and producing wastes are pushing the global economy deeper and deeper into environmental debt and towards imminent bankruptcy—environmental *and* economic. The longer we persist in living beyond the earth's means to provide sustainably, the more cataclysmic the environmental-economic disaster will be when it comes and the longer the recovery time of the environment will be before we can again start to construct a sustainable economy. Look at what happened with the Atlantic Cod fishery. What took us mere decades to decimate will likely take centuries to replenish. This is indicative of what will happen to all of our resources if we don't change our aggressive economic worldviews.

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The beginning of a beautiful relationship

George Deibert
Contributor

Saddam Hussein is a threat and an enemy to the United States of America. – Why is this so? – Oh dear reader, one sentence and you are already asking questions. Well, this is because Mr. Hussein mistreats people through exploitation, manipulation, implementing government policy without the consent of the citizens he represents, and pursuing personal interests without concern for the welfare of others. – How is that different from the United States Government? – My beloved reader, you are not as innocent as I thought; I must watch myself. You're right, it isn't different, except that Mr. Hussein's interests are different from the United States' interests. – But didn't they once have the same interests? – You astonish me with your coy skill. Yes, the United States government did share interests, among other things, with Saddam Hussein. They shared interests so much, in fact, that the United States government took Mr. Hussein's hand, and became so infatuated with him that they helped Mr. Hussein become leader of Iraq. The two soon fell in love, America giving Saddam (they're now on a first name basis) chocolates (bombs), flowers (guns), and jewels (anthrax), while Saddam invited America to sleep-over parties (rights to oil). Blossoming into a productive relationship, both were in bliss, Saddam amassing weapons and good fortune, and America creating great wealth. Saddam's sleep-over parties, popular as ever, made him a very fashionable and confident young man, attracting other suitors and getting their attention and treats. Saddam then started teasing America, blowing kisses (taking but not giving), playing hard to get (changing government policy), and seeing other people (making new deals). This angered America and they soon broke up (Persian Gulf War), but America's love (benefit from Iraq) was too strong and they stayed friends (U.S. sustained Saddam as leader). As of now, the two are fighting; Saddam won't give the engagement ring back (disarm weapons). – So, the United States Government put Saddam Hussein in power and then gave him weapons. – Not so rough, my little responder. I suppose, though, in a sense, that's what happened. To be blunt, as you keep ensuring, the United States is not fighting Hussein; they're fighting themselves. They are fighting an enemy of their own creation. A creation to be proud of, as the government was before the Gulf War. A moneymaking dictator who could provide cheap services and unlimited resources. The behavior and character of Saddam Hussein, which was well known, was treated as a risk and cost of doing business. To state quite strikingly, as a United States Government official said during the glory years previous to the Gulf War: "He's a son of a bitch, but he's *our* son of a bitch."

Above: Families lining up to take their children to the diarrhea clinic in Basra, southern Iraq. The systematic destruction of the Iraqi sewage treatment system by allied bombing during the Gulf War and the continuation of sanctions mean that clean drinking water is impossible to obtain for many Iraqis. Waterborne diseases have been responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children since the sanctions began.
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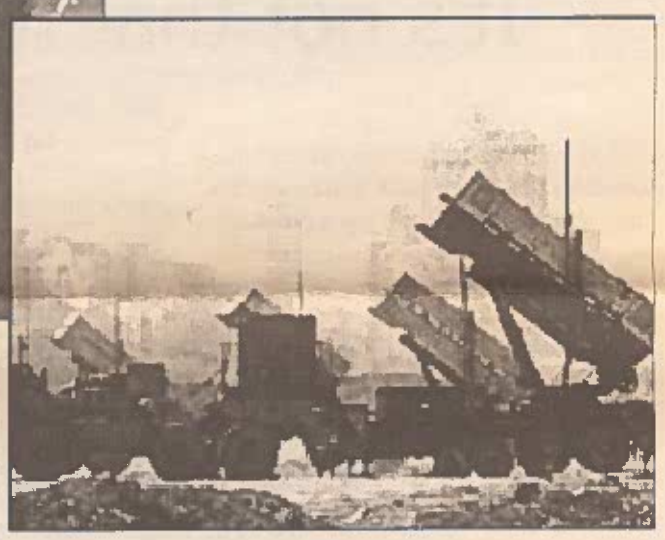

Below: Patriot anti-missile systems deployed in a joint U.S and Israeli military outpost in Jaffa, south of Tel Aviv, Israel.
/Photo by: Eitan Hess-Ashkenazi

Disgruntled International Opinion

Charlotte Whidden
Contributor

As an American in Canada, I find myself in a dilemma. Since my arrival here I have grown less proud of my American upbringing. I am angered by the level of naivete I had coming into this country and the heightened sense of pride that I brought with it. It can be said that I was unaware of the world outside the great US of A. Although I was the most educated member of my extended family for at least three generations, I was quickly put in my place upon my arrival at King's. To my surprise, I discovered there was a world outside of America: a different, more thoughtful world. There was something beautiful about Canadians. They seemed to operate by a friendlier social code. I was astounded by the commonality of humble attitudes. This was something I had been missing my whole life. I had never been more respected. I had never been more accepted for being myself.

From that point on, every visit to the States made it abundantly clear to me that I would never be satisfied with life in America again. Therefore, I have decided to become Canadian. There is no place I would rather be and, for that matter, no other place I could belong. I say this because over the last four years I have shared your joys and your grievances, an experience which has brought me into a relationship of empathy and understanding.

As a result, it is only natural that I have adopted Canadian perspectives on world issues; particularly in reference to politics. In light of present global events (impending war), I have chosen to laugh and frown with you over the ridiculous behaviors exemplified by Americans. But I cannot help but feel disappointed by the heightened levels of anti-American sentiment prevalent in most Canadian social spheres today. Somehow, I thought Canadians were above that. Was I mistaken in my previous assumption? I should hope not. Such sentiment seems something one might expect from Americans. Perhaps the big brother has wiped off on Canada in the most unexpected way. I would hate to become a member of this country only to watch it become the country I left it for. After leaving the melting pot for the mosaic, I would like to know that my sacrifice has not been in vain. And, most of all, I would like to know that my future here will not be in vain as well.

It's just not God's will

Ben Dobson
Contributor

Recently, *Newsweek* ran a cover story entitled "Bush and God," arguing that U.S. President George W. Bush has a strong Christian faith. The article told of several things Bush has been doing to please his Christian supporters, the strongest base of his political backers: "He is busy tending to the base with pro-life judicial appointments, a proposed ban on human cloning (approved by the House last week) and a $15 billion plan to fight AIDS in Africa, a favorite project of Christian missionaries who want the chance to save souls there as well as beleaguered lives. The base is returning the favor. They are, by far, the strongest supporters of a war – unilateral if need be – to remove Saddam."

The reason I bring this article into an argument about the war on Iraq is this: a Christian leader would not support an unjust war. In fact, a true *Christian* would not support an unjust war. Jesus was a leader who preached *peace*. He opposed sin, true, and he was violent against the people who defiled the church, overturning their tables and benches (Matthew 21:12-13). If that is what Bush is doing, that is good; but I am not convinced that is the truth.

Bush's "reasons" for invading are quite suspect. He says that Hussein was involved in 9/11, even though there is no actual proof of that claim. He says that Hussein has undeniable links to al-Qaeda, but those links seem to be simply that they both hate the USA and are both of the Islamic faith, and from the Middle East. They hate each other, and Osama bin Laden actually wants to liberate the people of Iraq from Saddam's tyranny. Is that what an ally would say? And if it is true that Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda are not allies, that would mean Hussein had no connection to 9/11, thus making Bush's justifications based on lies. Would a war that God supports be based on lies?

The only wars that God supported in the Old Testament were the ones where the Jews fought against enemies of their faith, in an attempt to defend God or to take the land God promised. God did not say "the Philistines *might have* some intent to *possibly* destroy you;" they were *specifically* told to do so. If God's will was behind this crusade, I believe that Bush, being the pious man he is, would have gone and done it by now, not waiting to go by the rules of the UN, because God's will is above that of all worldly authorities, including both the US *and* the UN.

Editorial

Celebrating the good stuff

GERDA KITS
EDITOR

Sometimes, it might look to readers of *The Chronicle* that King's is all about controversies over swearing, disagreements between administration and students, and crime. It's often the negative or controversial stories that get top billing, to the point where, for those who don't spend their time here, these things may come to define King's.

But we in the King's community know that's not really the case. There's a lot more to King's than the negative stuff. There are things like international potlucks where students from all over the world get together to sing karaoke and enjoy really good food. Things like students knowing they can go up to the faculty wing and chat with profs who actually know them by name. Things like volleyball fans filling the Red Deer gym and raising the roof to support their teams.

So, I'd like to take a minute this time to celebrate some of the good, but low-profile things that I think define King's much better than the controversies and conflicts. I'd like to celebrate the administration who struggle to make hard decisions well. I'd like to celebrate those who put time into planning meaningful chapels every week. I'd like to celebrate the efforts of the custodial staff who keep our school looking nice. I'd like to celebrate the men and women who work behind the scenes to keep King's running smoothly. I'd like to celebrate the professors and students who work together to teach and learn.

It's the day-to-day efforts of every member of the community that really makes King's what it is. And usually, they look pretty good to me!

Guest Column

It's not that funny

DUSTIN NELSON
CONTRIBUTOR

The Aboriginal Issues Week promoted by the Action and Awareness Society at King's has really got me thinking about our use of language in reference to the indigenous people of North America. I don't know how many people at Kings' know that I am part Cree/Blackfoot, but I am actually eligible to receive Metis status from the government. I have also always prided myself on being thick-skinned when it came to politically incorrect jokes and comments concerning my own heritage. However, I've come to discover that I've been false when fooling myself and those around me in my search for a defence against harmful, hurtful language.

I can now see why people try to make changes in language. It's not because of the labels themselves, but because of the negative associations made with a certain label of a particular ethnic group, references like "those dirty, drunken Indians, always drinking Lysol" or "he went Native on me." I will acknowledge that the Native population in North America does deal with significant problems like alcoholism and sub-standard living conditions, but I do not think that the proper way to deal with these problems is to try and shame Native peoples into more pro-social behaviour by using those labels as a way to make them feel ashamed of their heritage. I believe there is a proper response to those problems (alcoholism, etc.) as a Christian and as part of a Christian institution (a much broader topic for a larger paper), but I think the first step is an increase of understanding in the way we speak to each other.

I've finally identified that uncomfortable feeling I've always had in my gut whenever someone said a stereotypical/prejudiced/racist comment about my Native ancestry: shame. I feel shame for myself (unwarranted and wrong) but also for the person making the remark. Many people do not realize that they are devaluing a human being when they engage in such behaviour. Some of the phrases that I've heard in my lifetime have put the value of my own ethnic group below that of excrement.

Maybe a small number of you don't believe that people still say those things. What if I told you that some of my own family members have forgotten what my lineage is and made the mistake of saying some inappropriate things directly to my face? To bring it closer to home for you folks, I have also known people at Kings' that have said those same things not knowing about my family ties. Now, I know that these people don't really feel the way that they speak, otherwise some of them wouldn't want to be my friends. But I've realized that it doesn't matter what the source is – this type of language hurts. I'm guilty of it myself when feeling attacked. I've struck out in anger in response to things that have hurt me. I have to work on my own language as well.

I'm guilty in another sense because I've allowed it to occur in the first place. I've lacked the courage to stand up and speak out against it. I've chuckled at racist jokes, while on the inside hating myself for being so weak. I've excused it because usually they were my friends and family and I knew that they didn't really feel the way they spoke. I don't like making other people feel uncomfortable so I gave people the benefit of the doubt and pretended that it didn't bother me. It's always been uncomfortable for me to talk about it. Well, no more. It's time to stop.

If you are not prejudiced or do not believe in stereotypes then I would ask that you please refrain from this misuse of language. Stop and consider what you're saying, what it means and what possible impact you could have on someone else. Do not tell racist jokes or make stereotypical comments. Take it from one who is and has been the butt of the joke: it's not that funny.

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes submissions for Letters to the Editor.

Letters must include the student's full name, be no more than 300 words and be in mailbox 273 or emailed to gkits@yahoo.com by 5:00 pm the Monday before publication.

The editor reserves the right to edit for clarity, length, and content.

Common hour debate: Ruth's response

TKUC Students:

Had I known what your response to the Common Hour change was, I would have processed it differently.

Last November, I approached your student body president about this issue. I thought that your governing body understood the change and that we should go ahead with it. I subsequently learned that that was not the case. If I was to do it again I would give the S.A. governing body a written proposal and ask for an official written response.

I approached a few students, randomly asking for their feedback regarding the issue. They expressed that they were willing to work with it. I focused on our need for space and the reality that our Registrar was finding scheduling classes to be impossible. I realise now that I should have presented two questions: one regarding the frequency of the Common Hour and one regarding its timing.

In December, Faculty Council met. There, I was surprised to learn from your Faculty Representative that there was concern about the proposed change. However, there wasn't sufficient clarity about the concern and with the calendar deadline looming, the change was approved.

I did not hear any more about the issue until the next Faculty meeting where I was surprised to learn that a survey had been put out about the Common Hour. Dave Bruinsma deserves an award for receiving the most responses to a voluntary survey conducted at King's! His initiative and your response are commendable. Unfortunately, scheduling for next year had already begun by the time the results of the survey were known. If clear survey results had been part of an initial step in the process they could have been used more effectively.

The survey does leave some ambiguity. We do not know that 340 people filled out the survey. Only 80 people signed it. However, a significant percentage of our student body is concerned about this issue. Another criticism of the survey is the phrasing of the question. "Do you support the proposed changes to common/lunch hour?" Who wants to have a lunch hour at 10 am? The original intent of the Common Hour was not linked to lunch even if it is now used that way by many. Finally, the survey doesn't distinguish between the two changes: the change in frequency and the change in time.

In response to the survey an emergency meeting was convened with two S.A. Representatives and six administrators. There, the issue was taken seriously and a proposal came out of that meeting that went on to AAC.

Ironically, when the Common Hour was introduced in 1996 it met with some resistance. There were students who were resentful that they had to stay longer because of it. However, many students did embrace the change.

The Common Hour changes were prompted because we are running out of room at King's. Once our facilities expand that pressure will be reduced.

Now, with a survey, *Chronicle* articles, memos, and conversations behind us, where do we go?

In this time of transition there will be many situations in which effective communication will be challenging. We need grace with each other. I ask that of you now. It is too late to change this issue for next year but we are committed to giving it its due process. Your S.A. governing body is willing to work with the change and be part of the evaluation process. I am grateful for that and I have asked the S.A. President to help develop a process that could be used to facilitate that. We want to give the change a fair trial, and we don't want to repeat our mistakes.

In the midst of difficult situations there are gifts. Our Registrar made a tremendous effort to process your concerns. Faculty and staff took seriously your input. S.A. representatives communicated effectively. People worked together to try to understand each other. I hope that will continue next year.

As a past S.A. president pointed out to me, the "S.A." is not the group that meets every Thursday to govern the student body. You are the Students' Association. Your response to Dave's survey tells me that you are willing to be involved if you feel strongly enough about an issue and if you think it makes a difference. I am grateful that the Common Hour is important to you and that you value this community. Let's use next year to strengthen our community and formulate a process that will facilitate our communication.

~ Ruth Wallace

Parking lot crimes correction

In the previous *Chronicle* edition, we reported that Building Services Manager Betty Ward, Vice-President Ellen Vlieg-Paquette, and Vice President Keith Ward had met with AMA and the Edmonton Police following two crimes in the King's parking lot. In fact, King's was represented at the meeting by the following people: Betty Ward, Building Services Manager; Ellen Vlieg-Paquette, Vice President (Admin and Finance); Rob Van Weerden, Director of Facilities; Ruth Wallace, Dean of Students; Marvin Bravo, Residence Assistant; and Jon Bakker, the student whose car was vandalized. Currently, King's administration is working on a program with AMA and the police which they hope to implement sometime this month to prevent future crimes.

Students springing onstage for *Spring Onstage*

Norton Mah
Staff Writer

Spring Onstage, King's rookie communication arts festival, will replace seven year veteran *The Loonie Plays* this year. From Tuesday, March 18 to Friday, March 21, King's will showcase student work in Drama, Visual Arts, Creative Writing, Journalism, and Music courses, The King's Players, *The Chronicle* and *Ballyhoo*. There will be dramatic monologs, dramatic scenes, an art exhibition, a new issue of *The Chronicle*, a staged reading of a new play by Andrew Yuzek and a special edition of Noon Tunes.

Several reasons explain the origins of *Spring Onstage*. Daniel vanHeyst, King's Visual Arts and Drama professor, explains that every year *Loonie Plays* ran the risk of not filling the bill with enough King's Players programming. Two years ago, only one long play called *Creation* ran during the festival, while last year two longer plays and three ten minute plays were offered. This year, only two confirmed King's Players presentations are on the agenda so far: the staged reading of Andrew Yuzek's untitled new play about adolescent depression, and *The Atheist Professor* produced by Elizabeth Sim.

Jared Folkerts and Dana Bateman practice their roles in The Crucible *by Arthur Miller.* /Elise Stolte

However, this year's low programming output from The King's Players provides an opportunity to fill the bill with other work from Drama courses. Previously, King's students never saw any of the Drama 349 Oral Presentation monologs, as they were presented only for class viewing. *Spring Onstage* will showcase these monologs, selected by students and approved by instructor Annette Loiselle. As well, this year the Performing Arts Committee decided not to produce *Songs and Scenes for Lovers*, which used to provide performance opportunities for Drama 202. Instead, *Spring Onstage* will showcase Drama 202 scenes ranging from Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* to Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

The main reason for *Spring Onstage*, however, is to reflect and promote the new Communication Arts Minor. As Professor of Music Charles Stolte explained, "the festival reflects the communication arts minor's interdisciplinary focus."

Stolte, who is the Noon Tunes Co-ordinator, is creating a Noon Tunes Special Edition to fit in with the interdisciplinary focus of *Spring Onstage*, featuring Bach music and student poetry. The date coincides with Bach's birthday, who Stolte calls the "godfather of classical music."

Tuesday and Thursday's events are free of charge, while admission to Wednesday and Friday evening's events will cost three dollars. Noon Tunes remains free and the Friday matinee will be one dollar.

Event program

Tuesday, March 18

8 pm: Gala opening event with reception in Atrium, including official opening of art exhibit (Art 211 Illustration), music in Atrium with food served, and monolog presentations by Drama 349 students

Wednesday, March 19

11 am: Communications-themed Chapel

8 pm: Drama 202 scenes and *The Atheist Professor* (\$3 admission)

Thursday, March 20

11 am: Staged reading of Andrew Yuzek's new play

8 pm: More monolog presentations by Drama 349 students (different from Tuesday's presentations)

Friday March 21

11 am: King's Players one-acts matinee (\$1 admission)

12 pm: Noon Tunes featuring poetry readings and Bach music

8 pm: Drama 202 scenes and *The Atheist Professor* (\$3 admission); same program as Wednesday night

Mich & TJ's Movie Review:

Road to Perdition

Thea Koeppen and
Michelle Kuiken
Contributors

Gretn's one a gin' from the movie review lasses. Seens as how St. Patty's is just on the horizon and I (T.J.) am "a wee bit o the Irish meself", especially when it comes to free student reward memberships at Blockbuster and \$2 off, Mich and I picked up the new release *Road to Perdition*.

This is a movie about the Irish mob (hitmen) set in Chicago during the 1930's. Tom Hanks plays Michael Sullivan, an Irish hitman working for Mr. John Rooney (Paul Newman) who has raised Sullivan from a child and also has another son, Conor. Sullivan is a family man with a wife (Anne) and two sons (Michael Jr. and Peter). Problems arise when Michael Jr. sees Conor kill a man while on a job with father Sullivan, resulting in Conor killing Sullivan's wife and son Peter. Sullivan takes his son Michael Jr. and goes on a journey to protect his son and take revenge, all the while being hunted by a hitman/photographer (Jude Law). It is a road that leads to perdition.

Road to Perdition is a very impressive movie. The entire atmosphere of the movie excellently succeeds in capturing the beat of the dirty 30's and the sway of the Irish mob. While slow at times, it is not boring and is nicely written. With a stellar cast that interacts well, the movie is very well performed and emotional. Mich was impressed with Tom Hank's performance in managing a hard role which, although not his greatest performance, is still a good one. Both of us were very impressed with Tyler Hoechin's performance in playing Sullivan's 12-year-old son Michael Jr.

Mich particularly loved the scene where Michael helps his father out in getting revenge. T.J.'s favorite scene is the last, which is a rewarding dénouement. And perhaps one of the best assets to this movie is the impressive soundtrack by composer Thomas Newman.

Tom Hanks stars in Road to Perdition. /internet

If you appreciate good music and serious movies, enjoy mob movies or like Tom Hanks, we highly recommend *Road to Perdition*. Be warned: there is some violence and coarse language.

M&K a Delightful restaurant

Robert Brink
Contributor

About 300 metres north of King's sits a building to which many King's students attach fond memories. This building was once the home of the Nag's Head Pub which, for about two years, was the location of much pool playing, story swapping, beer drinking, and wings (and even entrée) eating for King's students. In the spring of 2002, it went out of business. There was much weeping and gnashing of teeth in the hallways of King's.

The building sat empty for the summer, and in September was reopened as M&K Delight, a restaurant of "Chinese and Western Cuisine."

Those familiar with the look and feel of the Nag's head will be surprised at the interior of M&K. The interior was "whitafied," with white tiles, white tables and a white bar replacing the Nag's dark pub-like appearance (which makes sense, given it was a pub). This makes the place look, well, like a Chinese restaurant. The atmosphere is very open, welcoming and relaxing. The music is relaxing and simple, and very oriental, although we are not sure if it is a recording of real instruments or synthesizers.

The food is what is called Western Chinese food. It is quite heavy, with all the things available that westerners are fond of – ginger beef, lemon chicken, sweet and sour pork. The dishes are very meat focused – even the rice had meat in it.

We decided that, for the purpose of a food review, the buffet would be the best choice. The selection was quite wide, the food was warm, and – here's the important part – it was very good. The meat was not too tough or dry, there was plenty of the good sauces covering the ginger beef and the lemon chicken, and there were no "items" that were not at the very least good. The soup was a tasty start, and my token visit to the "assemble your own salad" station made me feel less guilty about my eating habits.

The fortune cookies, like many fortune cookies in recent years, were disappointing. The problem was not in their flavour, but in that the fortunes were not fortunes but trite observations. To further hurt the fortune cookie cause, one of the fortune cookies had two messages, which is clearly against the creation order.

The desert options at the buffet were not too wide. The simple cake looked plain but good, but being full, I opted for the jello. The jello proved to be significantly more viscous than my mother makes it, and was wobbly yet nearly impenetrable by the standard spoon. Once I had established a technique, it became quite pleasant – or, as pleasant as regular jello (that is, the stuff without fruit chunks in it – because the chunkful jello is far superior in general) can be.

Regarding the service, M&K clearly didn't have enough people working on the service side of things, and this was evident in the fact that we were waiting for menus to the point where we went and asked for them.

I had previously eaten at the restaurant, and it must be noted that, although the food in the buffet on review day was good, even very good, it was better (aesthetically, tastily, ritualistically as well as in terms of all the rest of Dooyeweerd's modal aspects) when we ordered from the menu. During and after that meal, I would have been willing to give M&K Delight ten wontons out of ten, but because of slightly less thrilling, but still excellent, experience on the day of review, M&K Delight shall receive eight wontons out of ten.

Men's Volleyball . . .

(Continued from page 1)

The men came out strong, winning the first set 25-15. After losing the next set, the men roared in the third to get game point, only to see it slip from grasp 27-25. In the fourth set the men roared again, getting game point and yet losing 26-24. Second-year player Mike Melenberg commented on the tightness of the match: "we brought our 'A' game and a few points went their way, but on any other day it could've been different."

The Eagles, however, were very pleased with the student fanbase. As former Eagle Jeff DeKlerk commented: "It was the best game of volleyball of the tournament. The atmosphere was electric." Truly, the gym was pulsating with energy on Saturday night. Yet it was a disappointing loss for the Eagles, for instead of a first or second place finish, the best they could do was third.

Sunday, the men played at 9:30 am and easily dispatched the Grande Prairie Wolves in three sets. This brought the bronze medal match against season rivals the Grant MacEwan Griffins. The King's men came out strong and won the game in four sets, solidifying third place and bringing home a bronze medal and another banner for the Eagle's Eerie. "After losing a very, very tight match we thought we'd lose our composure, but we didn't," said Hans Doef – a little disappointed, but pleased the Eagles got third. Asher DeGroot agreed: "We can't be disappointed."

So, with Provincials wrapping up and the men finishing third, I asked Coach Greg Barthel about his thoughts. "I'd be lying if I would say it wasn't disappointing losing in the semis, but a bronze medal is quite an accomplishment for this program. Hopefully, others will finally recognize the King's volleyball program as one of the very best in Alberta and the country. If I was told at the beginning of the season we would be third in the province and ranked sixth in the nation, I would take it in a heartbeat. It's a great topper to an excellent season and recognizes the effort put out by thirteen excellent athletes all season long."

This season marks the end of the ACAC competitive career for six players, yet the Eagles have strong talent for future years and further success. At the end of an outstanding season, we say farewell to some and welcome others, in an athletic tradition of excellence – one to build on in King's bid for provincial gold and, one day, national respect.

Top row: Manager Dennis Vroom, Wayne Prins, Hans Doef, Jason Stuka, Asher De Groot, Nathan deKlerk, coaches Paul Doef and Greg Bartel
Second row: Clayton teRaa, Mike Melenberg, Chris Mantel, Jay Kwantes, Jon Heinen, Dustin Visscher, Jeff Lindemulder (missing: Chris Vanderhoek)
/courtesy Jon Heinen

Retiring team members Dennis Vroom, Jon Heinen, Asher De Groot, Chris Mantel, and Wayne Prins (missing: Chris Vanderhoek). */courtesy Jon Heinen*

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Women's volleyball

Finally finishing fourth

Gerda Kits
Staff Writer

The King's women's volleyball team came out in fourth during last weekend's provincial championships in Red Deer after losing their bronze medal match to Red Deer College. Nevertheless, the fourth-place finish is noteworthy as the best finish ever for the women's volleyball Eagles.

The loss of the bronze medal match was disappointing because the women had already won once against Red Deer during the tournament, in the quarterfinal match. Following this win they lost to Grant MacEwan in the semifinals, meaning the best they could place was third. After winning against Briercrest College to get into the bronze medal match, the team seemed to fall apart while playing Red Deer for the second time in the tournament.

"Overall, we played well in most of our games," said Elly Doef, who was named an ACAC All-Conference player. "But the last game we played really badly – at times it seemed like we had forgotten to play volleyball."

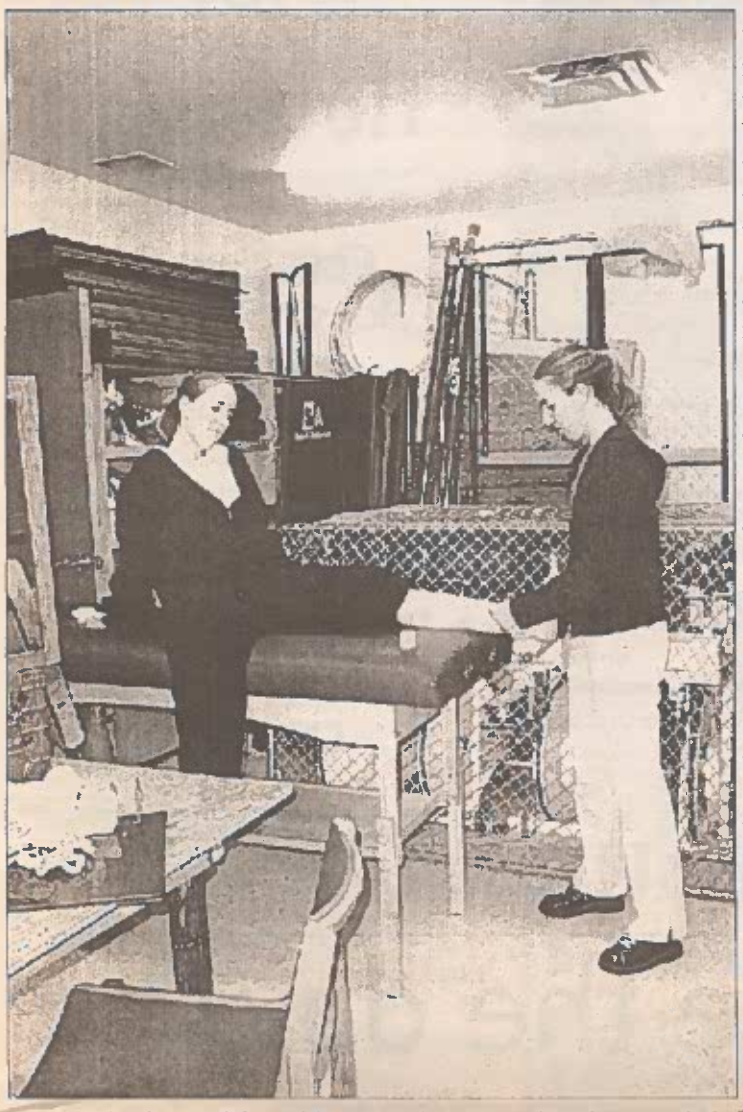
The team was somewhat disappointed with their overall results at Provincials. "We were expecting to do better, to make it into the top two and go to Nationals" said Doef. "But obviously, it's the best King's has ever done so it's good to get that . . . it's disappointing, but fourth in Alberta is still good and we can't complain about that."

Sub & Tub 2003

Who: You name 'em, they'll be there
What: Third annual sub and tub party
(hot tubs, subway subs, free pop, door prizes)
Why: Why not? Parties are sweet
When: April 11th
Where: 9091-52nd St . . . Prins house
Cost (to cover costs, not for profit): Before March 24, $4; after March 24, $5
Talk to: Dennis V., Chris M., Wayne P., Clayton T., Jeff L., or Asher D.

If we build it, they will come

High hopes for athletics department expansion at King's



Currently, first aid for athletes is administered in the crowded equipment room amid mats and hockey nets. Athletic Director Claire Paterson hopes to change that situation. /Elise Stolte

JULIE SCHENK
STAFF WRITER

A new banner will be raised in the King's gym this year, a product of a provincial bronze medal earned by the men's volleyball team and a testament to the positive direction in which they are leading the entire athletics department at the college.

"King's is starting to become a viable option for athletics," said Athletic Director Claire Paterson, who also coaches the school's fledgling ACAC women's soccer team. "I have around five new people asking about the sports program every King's View."

The development of the athletic program is going to require money and space. A recent memo from the Architect Liaison Committee laying out the proposed expansion plans for the college acknowledged this and left some room in its plans for such expansion.

"We're never going to compete with the money or the scholarships [of other schools]," explained Paterson. "But we're not just a college. We can give degrees, and that helps us develop athletes." What is also needed is an actual athletic wing to the school, both in physical space and academics.

There are a plethora of studies saying how important leading an active lifestyle is to a healthy well-rounded individual, an area currently lacking at King's.

"I'm pushing to see a physical education program as a minor at least. That would be my goal," said Paterson. "Right now [athletes] look at other schools. The athletically minded want to take something at King's they like.

"Also, people need ways to vent or release energy; sports is a way to do that." Paterson said everyone at the college would get a lot out of having a more functional athletic wing, including such things as more athletic equipment and a weight – or workout – room, a proposal she has presented to the school.

"It's not just the athletes. It benefits health and well being of whole school." Paterson said. "People are getting wiser and want to integrate [being healthy and active] into their lifestyle.

"It would be awesome to have facilities right on campus. The cost -- around $10 a person -- could be built into the fees." Paterson is confident that if it is built, people will come.

"It's a need for all the King's community," said Paterson. Not only will it serve the health of the community, but would make the school as a whole much more professional, not to mention more desirable for potential students.

"This is what I love and see value in," said Paterson. "If they keep me around ten years I'll make [the expansion plans] happen."

A proposal for athletics expansion

Short term goals:

1. Officials' rooms: They are currently using faculty offices to prepare for games. Convert the utility rooms across from the athletics office into useable rooms.
2. Soccer team rooms: Expand the walls of the current change rooms out, absorbing G101 and the athletic director's office, creating large rooms for both the men and women.

Mid range goals (using rooms C112 and C114, across from the gym):

1. Room 1: Weight room.
2. Room 2: Half used as a first aid room leading into an office for the athletic director. The other half used for a visiting team room.

Long term goals:

1. Build a second level on top of the building between Rez and the gym, creating office space for the athletic director and coaches, and a weight room that would overlook the gym.
2. Convert Room 1 into an extended equipment room, to sign out athletic equipment such as skis etc. Use Room 2 as a larger first aid room and visiting team room.

Women's basketball

It ain't over till...oh

JULIE SCHENK
STAFF WRITER

If you see a bunch of finely tuned athletic chicks walking around school looking kinda depressed and bored, it's because they've heard the fat lady singing.

The women's basketball season is over too soon for yet another year. The team finished a scant few wins out of a playoff spot. But they did go out with a bang.

Rallying around a trio of graduating players, the Eagles put in perhaps their best performance of the year on the night of February 22, against the Grant MacEwan Griffins. Although the score was tight – 54-52 for King's – the Eagles easily defeated the "confident" Griffin women, who are ranked ninth in the country.

The game got a little sketchy when, in the dying few minutes, the Eagles' 18-point lead got slammed back down to nothing, but in a true display of character and poise the three veterans, playing for the last time in their home gym, sealed the victory.

It was a night for celebration all around. A victory. And the conclusion of careers for the three players who have been the pillars of the basketball program at King's for the past four years.

To Kelly Frost, a punishing rebounder whose talent was only surpassed by the heart with which she played; to Janelle Schenk, the "glue" that kept the team together; and to Erin Wisselink, an All-Canadian who's one of the most dominating players in the game, and whose banner will be raised next year: thank you, you will be greatly missed. All the best in all your future endeavours.

Men's basketball

Going out with a bang

The men's basketball Eagles played many an exciting game this semester, but none as exciting as the last: a win against Grant MacEwan Griffins for the first time in four years. /Chronicle files

GERDA KITS
STAFF WRITER

Finishing a disappointing semester with a win, the men's basketball Eagles played their last game of the year February 23. The team beat Grant MacEwan by one point, the first time they have won against these opponents in four years. Jay Duke was honoured as Player of the Game.

While the team had harboured hopes of making it to Provincials this year, their record of 11 losses and one win during twelve league games in the second semester made that impossible. "We had dreams, but they didn't come true," said player Sam Gaugler.

The team's record for the first half of the season was the same as second semester's. "We had a lot of close games," said Gaugler. "but we only pulled out one win in each half." The fans didn't give up on the team, continuing to come out for home games.

While the season didn't see a lot of wins, it can be seen as a building year for the team. And, said Gaugler, "we finished with a win to close it."

The Voice of the Students' Association

Dave Booy
S.A. President

Hello, and welcome to crunch time. Yes, Reading Week is over and we have only a few weeks left before our four months of freedom! Of course, I will be finished for good and plan to laugh hysterically at those of you who must return in the fall. Well, anyway, the last couple weeks have been pretty intense for the S.A. as we have been dealing with (and will continue to deal with) the infamous TIME CHANGE issue as well as concerns regarding STUDENT SPACE in the expansion plans.

The decision for the time change has been finalised by the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) and the "temporary" trial period will commence in the fall. Contrary to popular belief, the AAC has consulted many different stakeholders at King's (well, except for you, the students!) and as your representatives, the S.A. will be proposing a very detailed evaluation form by which ALL stakeholders can accurately measure whether the time changes actually address the issues that are arising out of the growth in enrolment.

The second major concern is student space. The actual APPROVED proposal for the upcoming expansion includes a very large space designated for students at the bottom of the new residence building. It seems that things have changed, however, and we may be awarded the King's Court instead – a space that is far, far too small considering the growth expectations that triggered the need for a building expansion, and a space where noise will most definitely be an issue as it is surrounded by offices. I'm not quite convinced our professors really enjoy listening to the soothing sound of bouncing ping-pong balls, the piercing slam you get from that SWEEEET goal on the foose-ball table, obnoxious music videos, and last but not least, those beautifully serene dances of ours that hit decibels levels high enough to deafen Mick Jagger.

But hey, we'll keep ya posted as to how that all goes. Take care and enjoy your weekend!

For those who don't know, there is a free phone and microwave in the S.A.C. for student use. /Elise Stolte

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...What's What...

CALENDAR

March

7 – Noon Tunes Student Recitals in P.A. Hall (12:05 pm)

7 – Volleyball Games at King's (6:30 pm)

12 – Campus Worship (11 am)

13 – Men's Basketball Alumni Game at King's (6:30 pm)

14 – Noon Tunes Student Recitals in P.A. Hall (12:05 pm)

17-22 – Spring On-Stage (formerly Loonie Plays Festival)

19 – Campus Worship (11 am)

21 – King's View Friday

21 – Noon Tunes in P.A. Hall (12:05 pm)

HUMOUR

Those were the days

Ellie Clarke
Contributor

Now, as the bills are piling up, the cupboards are permanently empty, the essays are never finished, now is the time when you remember your childhood; that's right, when things were simple. When no matter how much you sat around watching TV, the food just kept coming. You remember back when nothing was more important that seeing whether or not those Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles made it out alive. Your career options floated between fire fighter and doctor like Doogie Howser. Your time management issues had to do with making sure you got your socks on before it was time for breakfast. Your biggest decision was whether you would play with the Barbies or Pound Puppies. The only thing that mattered in your decisions was whether or not your mom said it was okay. If you had a question, undoubtedly one of your parents knew the answers; wasn't that nice? Ah, those were the days. Your only aspirations included getting a job, getting married, and having kids – little did you know how complicated all that was going to be. That's right, sitting on the floor in front of the TV with your stuffed animal and your sugar cereal, that's when it all made sense.

I'm always getting emails about remembering the 80s, my childhood. As if the neon colours and tight jeans weren't embarrassing enough, we have to admit to things like wanting a snap bracelet, or owning a body suit; but among all the things that embarrass us about our childhood, it was still the least complicated time in our memories. My childhood memory consistently pulls up images of Popsicles on the porch and, because I grew up in the Okanagan (just to rub it in), eating fresh peaches in the orchard beside my house. I realise that my childhood was more than just summer, but for some reason, while the snow has no hope of going away, that's what represents happiness . . . summer and cartoons. Being the youngest in the family I remember never having to come up with the answers myself because no matter how difficult a question I asked, my sister never wanted to seem like she didn't know something, so she made the answers up. Needless to say, I grew up with some interesting views on life.

For most of us, having food and electricity was pretty much guaranteed and we had no idea that stuff even costed money until we were old enough to want money. And while most of us were bored with the stories of how hard things were when our parents were young, we now find ourselves saying "if I'd had the internet was I was a kid" and "I could buy a chocolate bar for . . ." and other phrases that we vowed we'd never say.

I'm not sure if I'm the only one desperately holding on to my childhood with my mittens on a string or my Sesame Street lunch box, but I'm sure I'm not the only one that misses those days, back when the world was all right. So, in tribute to childhood, I suck my thumb in protest against the ever-changing world that complicates my life.

Well kids, although we are no longer kids, enjoy these days and don't forget to remember those days, just for your own sanity.

Congratulations to *The Chronicle*!

The Faculty Council was delighted to hear that *The Chronicle* won the "Best Overall Newspaper" award in the Association of Christian Collegiate Media 2003 Contest! On behalf of the Faculty, congratulations to the Editors for the year 2002, Elise Stolte and Gerda Kits, and to the staff for this wonderful achievement! Congratulations also to Anne-Marie Jackson, for winning first place in the Feature Story category, Gerda Kits, who took second place in the Feature Story category, and to George Deibert, who came in second in the Opinion Writing (other than staff editorial) category.

Dr. John Hiemstra
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